

Minutes for the Chapel Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 28th September 2023

St John Fisher & St Thomas More, Chapel-en-le-Frith

Present: Fr. Gerry, Peter Barnes, Pat Dawson, Frank Frost, Barbara Hindley, Anne Lomas, Joan Matthews, Anne Parker (Chair), Lucia McClean, Sue Thornhill

- 1.) Opening prayer – Fr Gerry led the prayer and Frank read last week's Gospel. We remembered Don's sister Nuala, parishioners visited by the Eucharistic Ministers and the importance of welcoming and valuing new parishioners into the parish.
- 2.) Apologies for absence – Don and Jacqui
- 3.) Minutes of last meeting – were approved.
- 4.) Finance – Peter reported that:
Finances to the last year end were completed in early September.
We have 22 regularly use envelopes, 28 direct giving and 17 of these use gift aid.
£7087.50 recently received, covering 3 years gift aid, more due from £411 small change.
£3064 paid out from second collections, these now up to date.
£2209.20 owing for quinquennial report, paid for and set up as a loan by diocese, will be paid off a.s.a.p. in order to minimise any interest payment.
£1200 bill for insurance due October and payment due to Father.
Working balance approx. £15,000
- 5.) Safeguarding, (matters arising from safeguarding talk, any training, DBS updates and volunteer registration) – Sue reported Grainne's DBS still due. Volunteer registration forms to be given out this weekend.
- 6.) Quinquennial report – George has done a number of small jobs on the A list, Frank confirmed this. Anne knows a roofer who is interested in doing the roofing work.
- 7.) Churches together – Pat informed us that 8 parishioners are going to the Harvest Meal on Saturday. Pat and Helen and Lucia and Frank are involved in the 30th anniversary of the Mustard Seed.
- 8.) Ukrainian Accounting Matters report and any other updates – The committee welcomed Peter's report which set out the background and accounting requirements associated with our Ukrainian guests using the presbytery. As we appear to be the only parish hosting a Ukrainian family Peter has also had discussions with the Diocesan Accountant. The committee unanimously agreed to accept the 5 points detailed in Peter's report summary. Anne, Don and Peter will arrange a meeting with Tamila before the next Parish Council meeting at the end of November, as her initial 6 months finishes on the 1st of January 2024, to see what she wishes to do and to let her know that we are very happy for them to continue as our guests if they want to.

9.) Hymn books – Barbara has costed new hymn books at approx. £15 each but commented that we only sing a small number of hymns. We discussed the possibility of using a projector as at Matlock church. Buxton are also considering this, so we will look into it and update next meeting.

10.) Any other business –

Chapel golf club has been booked for Friday 10th November for a Race Night, as a fund raiser for urgent repairs

Anne Parker will look into obtaining a new sink unit for the sacristy as the existing one is not fit for purpose.

Father Gerry proposed setting up meetings for readers, Eucharistic ministers and welcomers.

Father will put links in the newsletter to enable us to follow the proceedings at the Pope's Synod in Rome.

Anne Parker originally agreed to chair our meetings until September but is willing to continue with help from other members when required. The committee welcomed this and are very happy to assist.

11.) Date of next meeting – Thursday 30th November